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 Committee on Judiciary

Testimony: **Submitted by Connecticut Police Chiefs Association**
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HB 7260 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE AND REGULATION OF DRONES.

The Connecticut Police Chiefs Association opposes HB 7260.

This bill attempts to restrict law enforcement's use of this new technology before the potential risks and benefits are understood.

Law enforcement is committed to the safety and protection of the public. The limitation on how law enforcement can utilize this new tool is premature. The potential misuse of an unmanned aerial device by criminal or terror individuals or groups is not yet understood. Why then limit law enforcement's ability to protect the public?

The Connecticut Police Chiefs Association would request that unmanned aerial vehicles be classified as an emerging technology and be studied by the task force proposed in SB 1003 (AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO VARIOUS STATUTES CONCERNING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.) Section 9.